

MINNEAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS

ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF DECEMBER 17, 1999, HELD

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Room 315 City Hall

Minneapolis, Minnesota

December 17, 1999 - 10:43 a.m.

The Council met pursuant to adjournment.

President Cherryhomes in the Chair.

Present - Council Members Lane, Herron,
Johnson, Thurber, Ostrow, Campbell, Biernat (In
at 10:48), Niland (In at 10:49), Goodman, Colvin
Roy (In at 11:59), McDonald (In at 10:47), Mead,
President Cherryhomes.

Campbell moved that the meeting be closed
at 10:43 a.m. for the purpose of considering the
following lawsuits:

a) City of Minneapolis vs. Signcrafters
Outdoor Display, Inc, et al.

b) Rotimi vs. City of Minneapolis, et al.

c) Shannon Hanson vs. City of Minneapolis,
et al.

Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Also present: Jay Heffern, City Attorney;
Mike Norton, Deputy City Attorney; Jim Moore
and Scott Reeves, Assistant City Attorneys; Kris
Brogan, Mayor's staff; Merry Keefe, City Clerk;
Jan Hrnecir, Chief Committee Coordinator.

The Shannon Hanson vs. City of Minneapolis,
et al. lawsuit was discussed from 10:44 a.m. to
10:53 a.m.

The Rotimi vs. City of Minneapolis, et al.
lawsuit was discussed from 10:53 a.m. to 12:05
p.m.

The City of Minneapolis vs. Signcrafters
Outdoor Display, Inc, et al. lawsuit was discussed
from 12:05 p.m. to 12:07 p.m.

The closed session of this meeting was tape
recorded with the tape on file in the office of the
City Clerk.

Campbell moved to open the meeting for the
purpose of taking action on the above lawsuits.
Seconded.

Adopted upon a voice vote.

Campbell moved that the City Council
approve settlement of the Shannon Hanson vs.
City of Minneapolis, et al. lawsuit in the amount
of \$5,000 and that the check be made payable to
Shannon Hanson and her attorney, Robert
Bennett, from Fund/Org. 690 150 1500 4000.

Campbell further moved that the City Council
approve the negotiated settlement in the matter of
Rotimi vs. City of Minneapolis, et al., United
States District Court File No. 97-2240 MJD/JGL,
in the amount of \$245,000 payable from Fund
6900 150 1500 4000. Further, that the City
Council authorize the payment of expert and
transcript costs in accordance with the settlement
agreement and that the City Attorney's Office be
authorized to execute any necessary settlement
documents.

Campbell further moved that the City Attorney
be authorized to settle the lawsuit regarding the
billboard at 945 Broadway Street NE on the
following terms, plus such reasonable additional
terms as are necessary to carry the settlement
into effect as intended by the parties:

1. That the sign at 945 Broadway Street NE
will be removed within six months of the date of
signing of the Settlement Agreement by the City;

2. That Signcrafters, TCP Holding and Lawrence Properties all agree that they have no right to a sign at that location for advertising absent a change in the Zoning Code or a physical change in the area such that any spacing and other requirements could be met; and

3. That all parties will agree in a written stipulation that the lawsuit will be dismissed with prejudice.

Seconded.

Adopted. Yeas, 13; Nays none.

Passed December 17, 1999.

Approved December 23, 1999. S. Sayles
Belton, Mayor.

Attest: M. Keefe, City Clerk.

By unanimous consent, the meeting was
adjourned at 12:09 p.m.

MERRY KEEFE,
City Clerk.